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# FIRST SALT BANKER ARRIVES HOME UNUSUALLY EARLY.

## Sch. Arethusa Brings Enormous Fare of 360,000 Pounds Codfish.

## Discouraging Report Comes From Dory Handline Fleet.

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, the most noted Grand bank codfishing skipper sailing out of this port, if not in all New England, arrived last evening with the enormous fare of 360,000 pounds of salt codfish. This is the first arrival of the salt bankers, and is unexpectedly early.

Capt. Morrissey, whose name as a codfish killer is a household word, sailed from home February 21, so that he has been absent but three months. His first baiting for the voyage was frozen squid, which was procured at Provincetown, which he used with good effect on the Sable Island ground. April 12th he again baited at Sydney with herring, which he says was unusually early. From there he went to the west coast of Newfoundland, and while fish was quite plentiful, bad weather prevented the crew from making any great catch up there.

After using up this baiting he went to the Magdalenes, where herring was found in abundance, which he procured at \$8 a dory load, taking on 140 barrels, he started in to search the gulf grounds and off eastern Cape Breton. He succeeded, however, fairly well, although the weather was rough, but with no heavy gales.

A second baiting of 140 barrels was made at Magdalenes, when he sailed for Quero Bank. On arriving there Capt. Morrissey says he was struck with consternation with the magnitude of the fleet of French, Provincial and American vessels which was there. He estimated them at 400 sail, more vessels than he thought ever prosecuted the codfishery at any one time in the waters of the North Atlantic. The French fleet alone he says was more than 200 many of them square riggers. He went on board of a new 500 ton steel bark, whose captain told him he had made with other French vessels several sets on Grand Bank and never found a fish. A set of several thousand hooks revealed the fact that not one fish was taken, something unprecedented and never seen before. This is why the entire codfishing fleet have

congregated on Quero Bank.

Capt. Morrissey says, that he used his 140 barrels of bait and only got 60,000 pounds of fish, which were caught in 140 fathoms of water.

### Largest Fleet Ever Seen on Quero Bank.

From one end of Quero Bank to the other is literally covered with vessels and should a heavy May or June storm occur, such as he has seen before, and with the poor ground tackle that some of these craft have, an awful disaster may occur.

On leaving the bank it was foggy and he had all he could do to keep from colliding with vessels at anchor. For eight hours, every few minutes the lookout would shout, "hard up" or "hard down." As night came on, he run due north to get off the bank in order to avoid accident, which he was fortunate to escape.

Capt. Morrissey reports, seeing several of the dory handline fleet none of whom had done anything. Sch. Alice R. Lawson, had 61 tubs when he left, sch. Meteor, 30 tubs, sch. Annie M. Parker, 18 tubs, sch. Arkona, 45 tubs, and others no better. The few trawlers, comprising eight or 10 vessels, he had not seen lately and could not say how they had done.

Capt. Morrissey's arrival is the earliest he ever made and his large fare makes it all the more remarkable. Last season he arrived on his first trip June 15. He has been high line out of this port among the salt codfishing fleet for several years, and was only beaten last season by Capt. Newman Wharton of sch. Arkona. He has been master several years and his first command was when he was but 19 years of age. Squid he says, is not a permanent fixture on Grand Bank or Quero, for he has been there several years when none were found and the same may occur this season.

Capt. Morrissey says that there are in France last winter, prohibiting them bank this season, as a law was passed in rFrance last winter, prohibiting them from fishing on the ground in clear weather, where the handline and trawl ers are anchored.

Sch. Arethusa is one of the Cunningham & Thompson fleet.

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# NO NETTERS AT NEW YORK.

## Nine Boats With Mackerel Reported at Newport.

News from the mackerel fleet today are very meagre and up to noon nothing has been heard from the Cape shore fleet. At Newport this forenoon nine netters with fares ranging from 500 to 1700 large mackerel were reported.

The large number of netters at New York and Newport yesterday with good catches, together with what arrived by steamer from Nova Scotia, were sufficient to supply the market for the time being. A large portion of the New York production was sent to Boston, so that dealers were fairly well supplied, although the dealers could have handled many more fish had they come forward.

Up to noon no mackerel arrivals have been reported at New York and it may be that the large fleet that was in yesterday did not get out in time so as to return again today.

The receipts of fresh mackerel to date this season have been 5132 barrels against 7580 barrels at the same time last year. Most of the catch was taken last week.

### Netters at Newport.

Sch. Crescent, 1400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lewie Warren, 1400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Sarah, 750 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Margaret S. McKenzie, 1700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Crayton, 500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nettie, 700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lucy B. Windsor, 1800 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. On Time, 900 large fresh mackerel.

### Pollock Reported Plentiful Off Nantucket.

Pollock in enormous schools are reported on the Nantucket ground, and the vessels operating there have secured full loads in two or three sets of the seine. Capt. Joseph E. Graham in sch. Grace Otis, filled his craft with 100,000 pounds or more in three sets. The larger vessels of this fleet will now go over to the shoals and let the smaller craft have share of nearer home grounds where the fish are only in small pods.

The fishermen find no difficulty in disposing of their catches for splitting at fair prices, which they cannot obtain at Boston. It is fortunate for them that they have Gloucester to fall back upon otherwise this fishing, would not be of any financial value to them.

### LaHave, N. S., Fleet Doing Well.

Reports received from different sources indicate that the Riverport and Rosebay, N. S., fishing fleet are doing fairly well. Taken on the whole, prospects for a record season are good for all Lunenburg county vessels in spite of the fact that there has already been one partial and two total losses this season. Following are the figures as far as can be attained from the LaHave fleet:

Sch. Revenue, 1100; Alma Nelson, 800; Assurance, 800; Edith Marguerite, 825; Oregon, 900; Parana, 700; Hawanee, 700; Lucania, 800; Hiawatha, 325; Hazel Ritcey, 575; Percival Parks, 675; Mariner, 675; Russel Pentz, 900; Ambition, 900; Yukon, 850.

### To Investigate Lobster Traffic.

The fish and game commission did not ask for it, but the fisheries and game committee has put through a resolve directing the commission to study the habits of lobsters and to investigate all shipments of lobsters from the provinces to this market. The sum of \$500 has been appropriated for the expense of the investigation.

Senator Keith of the committee on fisheries and game, states that large quantities of dead lobsters are disposed of in the Boston market. He believes that some law should be passed to prevent such traffic and to punish the guilty persons.

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### Straits of Belle Isle Open.

A dispatch says the earliest opening of the Straits of Belle Isle for navigation on record is denoted by the passing through the Northern short-cut of the steamer Manchester Mariner, bound from Montreal to Manchester. The straits have been reported clear of ice for some days. In previous seasons no vessel has attempted the Northern Passage until the end of June, and sometimes the first week in July. The opening of the straits in the middle of May is phenomenal, and may not be witnessed again for many years. The Manchester Mariner passed through at 7.30 p. m. Tuesday last.

### Nova Scotia Lobsters at Portland.

Thursday nearly 5000 Nova Scotia lobsters were taken out at Portland pier from the lobster smack Katie C. Lamson for the N. F. Trefethen Co. These constituted the first shipment of the provincial crustaceans that has arrived there direct since the opening of the Nova Scotia season. The Trefethen company recently had a fare landed at their pound at New Harbor, but none has been brought directly to Portland before. The lobsters brought on the Lamson were of an unusually high quality and would easily average two pounds apiece.

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### NON-UNION TRAPS OUT.

#### Lobstermen Along the Maine Coast Subjected to Heavy Loss.

News has reached Portland that hundreds of lobster traps were cut out Saturday night and left to go to sea. The cutting out extended, it is said, from Green island to many points along the coast.

The lobstermen recently formed a union for the purpose of fixing prices and preventing the taking of short lobsters, and while a majority came in, some at nearly all points refused to do so, and it is said that all the traps cut out belonged to the non-union men.

The loss will be large, and it is said that over 200 traps were cut near Green island alone and the lobsters liberated.

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### A Monster Lobster.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, which arrived at Boston today, brought in a large lobster, which weighed 20 pounds, which was caught in the South Channel in 50 fathoms of water.

### Mackerel Notes.

A large school of mackerel was reported off LaHave, N. S., early yesterday morning. The school was about three miles long and the American seiners were several miles off shore.



# ONE SALT BANKER, TWO GEORGESMEN

## Liberal Receipts of Salt Cod at This Port Today.

The receipts of fish at this port today, show somewhat of improvement over the past few days. One enormous fare of 360,000 pounds of salt cod has come forward in sch. Arethusa, beside which are two fares from Georges, of 30,000 and 40,000 pounds which help swell receipts.

Two large fares of pollock of 100,000 pounds each, which were caught with purse seine on the shoals. Then the vessels operating off here landed but small trips, but they help swell the aggregate to fair size proportions.

Two small fares of fresh halibut total about 12,000 pounds, but several of the off shore vessels are now due to arrive at any time.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Grace Otis, shore, 100,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Mary E. Turner, shore, 120,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Agnes, Georges, 3000 lbs. halibut, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Arethusa, Banks, 360,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Claudia, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 30,000 lbs. cusk, 10,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Mary E. Smith, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Independence, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Pet, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Nomad, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Angelia B. Nickerson, shore, 11,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Jeffrey, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Joppaite, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Mystery, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Elthier, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 75,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.  
Sch. George H. Lube, via Boston.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, via Boston.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.  
Sch. E. A. Rich, Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Senator, Burgeo Bank, 55,000 lbs. halibut.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Eva L. Spurling, shore.  
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, shore.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Numan, shore.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.  
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.  
Sch. Premier, Cape Shore.  
Sch. Margie Smith, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

Large fresh mackerel 32 cts each.  
Bank halibut, 6 3-4c per lb. for white and 3 3-4c for gray.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.  
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

# BOSTON RECEIPTS RATHER LIGHT.

## Pollock Fares Will Go to Splitters at Gloucester.

Fish receipts at Boston today are light, there being but a dozen vessels at that port, mostly of the shore fleet. Prices, however, are firm for cod and haddock, while pollock appears to be a drug upon the market, there being no sales up to noon, and the vessels will take them to Gloucester to the splitters.

During last week 80 fishing vessels came to T wharf with 2,093,600 pounds of ground fish against 93 vessels with 1,711,100 pounds in the same week of last year. Last week there were received also 1302 barrels and 966 boxes of fresh fish against 960 barrels and 271 boxes in the corresponding week of last year.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Josephine Costa, 12,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Alice, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 halibut.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Appomatox, 10,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
Sch. Alcina, 8000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Mina Swim, 16,000 cod.  
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50; large cod, \$3.75 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, no sales; hake, 80c to \$1.60; halibut, 10c for white and 6c for grey.

### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Ella G. King of this port arrived at Portland Sunday with 5000 pounds of halibut caught on Georges which was sold at that place. She also had quite a catch of salt codfish which will be brought here. She will make another baiting, however, before returning to her home port.

### Sardine Herring Scarce.

According to Eastport, Me., advices there is but little improvement in the run of fish, and the large sardine packers are still undecided as to the quotations on new goods. The revised list of a New York handler of domestic sardines, puts quarter oils at \$2.85 to \$3.

### Sailed on Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Premier, Capt. George G. Hamor, sailed yesterday afternoon on her maiden trip on a market seining trip to Cape Shore. She made a handsome appearance as she went out of the harbor, and her graceful lines were commented upon by those who saw her under full sail.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

The Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Montague, arrived at that port Friday last from a spring salt cod fishing trip with 1500 quintals.  
Sch. Ramona passed north of Port Mulgrave, N. S., on Friday.  
Sch. Moanham and Natalie J. Nelson were at Liverpool on Friday.  
Sch. Manhasset, arrived at Canso on the same date.

# MACKEREL NEWS VERY MEAGER.

## Seining Fleet Have Probably All Gone to Cape Shore.

There is no news for any importance from the mackerel fishing fleet, either netters on this coast or seiners on the Cape Shore. It now looks as if the entire seining fleet had left this coast and gone to the Cape Shore, as there have been none of them reported for a week or more at New York or Newport.

Should the vessels on the Cape Shore meet with fine weather they would not be reported if they struck fish for they would fill up and come direct home from the ground.

Private advices from Nova Scotia say that the steamer Prince George that leaves Yarmouth this evening for Boston and due there tomorrow morning will bring quite a large consignment of fresh mackerel, that was taken in the traps down there.

Fifty or 60 large mackerel were at Boutillier's market, Halifax, Saturday last, being the first catch of any number on the county shore this season. They were netted at St. Margaret's Bay.

Sch. Massachusetts, the first of the U. S. mackerel fleet to reach Halifax this season, was anchored in the stream Friday.

A despatch from Yarmouth to the Fisheries Intelligence Bureau says that 225 barrels of mackerel were taken in the traps there on Saturday morning. A few mackerel were also taken at Lunenburg and Petit de Grat.

Schs. Preceptor, Lucania, Saladin, Spectator, Clintonia, Squanto, Ralph L. Hall and Shenandoah of the mackerel seining fleet were at Liverpool, N. S., Monday last.

Small hauls of mackerel were made in the traps at Yarmouth, N. S., and vicinity and a few at Whitehead, Queensport, St. Peters, C. B., were taken on Monday last. According to this mackerel are well to the eastward and are early in making their appearance.

Receipts at New York and Newport, the past three days by the netters have been quite liberal and with shipments of some 10,000 to Boston the market there has been fairly well supplied.

Up to noon no vessels were reported at New York and it is doubtful if any of the netters arrive there today.

### Netters at New York

Sch. Julietta, 2500 fresh mackerel.

### Netters at Newport.

Sch. Beatrice, 1000' large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Betsy Ross, 1000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Sylvester, 14,000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Caswell, 300 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Magnolia, 400 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Crustacean, 400 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Cecelia, 300 large fresh mackerel.

### Will Fit for Seining.

Steamer Elthier, Capt. John S. Seavy, which has been pollock seining off here for the past three weeks, left today for Portland, where the steamer will fit for mackerel fishing.

The steamers Pet and Mineola will also go to Portland and fit out for similar fishing.

### Saw No Mackerel.

Capt. George Marr of sch. Senator which arrived from a fresh halibuting trip yesterday, sailed along the Nova Scotia coast from Canso to Cape Sable on the passage home, but saw no signs of mackerel.

### Portland Fishing Fleet.

More of the local fishing fleet are now fitting out at Portland for sword-fishing. Sch. Katie L. Palmer is at Central wharf, where her masts are being scraped and other work is being done and sch. Angie B. Watson is at Commercial wharf, where similar work is being done.